

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2004, Applicant elects for prosecution at this time claims 1-38 for examination purposes, without prejudice. These claims are drawn to a "thread milling or cutting tool", classified in class 409, subclass 234. This set of claims also contains 2 independent claims. Applicants specifically reserve the right to prosecute other claims at a later date.

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Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*) Order Number 065430.0102.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned agent for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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